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INTERNATIONAL DEBATE ATTRACTS LARGE AUDIENCE

Hamilton Presents Strong Argument But Loses Vote Taken At Close of Debate

VOTE IS 194-132

Englishmen Speak in Informal Style Used in Past Years

Adhering to the proposition more consistently than former English debaters, though displaying no less charming a style of delivery and ready flow of witticisms, the debating team representing the British Union of Colleges defeated the Hamilton team last Wednesday evening in the Chapel by a vote of 194 to 132. The Hamilton men, while they convincingly and capably presented a comprehensive view of their side of the case that was both logical and coherent, failed to win the sympathy of the audience as completely as the Britishers, who relied on a disarmingly informal manner of speaking rather than on a serious attitude toward the question.

The proposition, "Resolved that this house deplores the effect of the democratic principle upon modern life," brought out effectively the varying views held by Americans and Englishmen on the problem of government. The affirmative side was taken by the visitors. Particularly contrasting were the two positions taken on the importance of government in life, the Hill team claiming that government was of inferior importance when compared with literature, art and science, and the Englishmen maintaining that political service was the highest goal of fine minds. The claim made by the British team that they were not deploring democracy as a political institution, but merely certain of the effects of the democratic principle, undoubtedly influenced the vote of the audience immensely. The Hamilton team, they claimed, had defended democratic governments unnecessarily because their attacks were merely upon certain perilous influences in society that democracy tended to preserve.

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Dr. Shepard Edits Volume of Verse

Dr. William Pierce Shepard, '92, Burgess Professor of the Romance Languages and Literature, has once more made a valuable contribution to the study of Provencal literature. Preparing a scholarly and accurate edition of the Oxford Provencal Chansonnier with introduction and appendices, Professor Shepard has made available to students examples of the work of nearly all the best known troubadours. The original manuscript, an anthology of these songs in the hand of a scribe who wrote about the year 1300, is one of the treasures of the Bodleian Library in Oxford.

"The Oxford Provencal Chansonnier; diplomatic edition of the manuscript with introduction and appendices by William P. Shepard" is published by the Princeton University Press. It is an octavo volume of 271 pages. The introduction gives a full description of the manuscript and a discussion of the relation of this to other manuscript anthologies of Provencal verse.

The text follows, an exact transcription of the 164 poems, letter for letter, as they were written down by the scribe. The notes identify the authors of the poems, so far as possible, and indicates other manuscript sources, as well as editions and critical discussion and of the poems that have been previously printed. The volume is included with indices of the authors and first lines. A facsimile frontispiece shows two pages of beautiful work of the scribe, who unfortunately gives no indication of the melodies to which the songs were sung.

The importance of Professor Shepard's latest book may be realized when it is pointed out that more than 50 of the poems have never before appeared in print, and the others have been acessible only in 30 or more different publications which are difficult to find except in large libraries.

Calendar

Thursday

Choir Practice at 7:45.

Newman Club meeting at Chi Beta S Sigma House at 8 P. M.

Saturday

Football with Union at 2 P. M.

Sunday

Chapel Preacher, Rev. Albert C. Fulton, Syracuse, N. Y.

Monday

German Club meeting at home of Dr. Houch at 8 P. M.

Tuesday

Fraternity meetings.

FOOTBALL TEAM PREPARES FOR UNION MATCH

Jenks, Morris and Warren Will Probably Be Unable to Play Due to Injuries

UNION TEAM HEAVY

A Dry Field Is Hope of Hamilton Backers and Players

Spurred on by a desire for revenge for last season's overwhelming defeat at the hands of Union, and with the added stimulus furnished by a new coaching staff, Hamilton is rapidly rounding into shape for the annual Hamilton-Union gridiron classic, which will be played Saturday at Clinton.

Weakened by the loss of three backfield men, Jenks, Morris and Warren, all of whom will probably be unable to appear in Saturday's lineup, the Hamilton team will play under great difficulties. Added to the handicap of a crippled team will be the greater one of an excessively light team.

Weather conditions will mean a great deal to the Buff and Blue. This year's team averages but 173 pounds on the line and 151 in the backfield—about five pounds lighter to the man than even last year's team. As usual Union will lord it over Hamilton as far as weight goes, and on a wet slippery field this would mean plenty of trouble for Hamilton. Ideal weather conditions, however, might give the Buff and Blue squad a chance to get its aerial attack into operation.

Under new coaching tactics the Buff and Blue has progressed fairly well during the season. Although overwhelmed by Amherst and startled into defeat by Rochester, the team retaliated by winning over Clarkson, Trinity and Middlebury—and losing to Haverford by a 6-0 score after outplaying them all through the game.

The Hill team has specialized in no one form of attack during the year, using a widely diversified system in each game. What mode of attack will be tried upon Union is uncertain. A great deal of time, however, will be spent in perfecting an adequate defense for Union's heavy line plunging and fast end running.

Record of Hamilton-Union Games

	H.	U.
1891	14	6
1892	0	12
1893	0	34
1894	0	96
1897	4	4
1898	70	0
1899	0	0
1902	31	0
1903	28	0
1904	5	0
1905	17	0
1907	6	0
1908	6	18
1909	0	0
1910	0	0
1911	19	0
1912	12	15
1913	12	0
1914	7	26
1915	0	0
1916	0	28
1917	0	0
1918	2	0
1919	6	0
1920	3	7
1921	7	0
1922	6	21
1923	9	14
1924	0	62
1925	0	0
1926	0	36
Victories:		
Hamilton	12	
Union	12	

HISTORY OF HAMILTON GLEE CLUB IS TRACED FROM 1867

Club Formed First Under Name of Mendelssohn Society to Sing Solely for Amusement, Later Performances Were Put on in Various Nearby Towns

With the recent passing of the Hamilton College Glee Club, it seems apropos to publish a very short resume of the history of this time- honored institution. Because of lack of space any such account can be only of the sketchiest nature.

In tracing the history of the club one finds no mention at all of any such organization until 1867. Prior to this date there had been only the numerous informal groups composed of the singers of the individual fraternities, and they sang for their own pleasure and amusement. One of the first things new President Fisher did was to secure an efficent organization and under the title of the Mendlesshon Society, a sporadically rehearsing group of singers was assembled. If we may believe the accounts of the Hamiltonians of those years, the life of the society lasted for more than 25 years, but the fact of the matter is that it continued merely in name.

In the late years of the past century the Glee Club actually did perform under the auspices of Hamilton College in towns about the college, as Norwich, Oneida and Clinton; however, it must be admitted that the club did not possess too much talent nor did it occupy a large place in the activities of the college. The year 1904 saw a radical change take place in glee club concerts.

Apparently the Glee Club in itself had not been attraction enough for the filling of a theatre of any size, and when the once famous circus performer, John T. Crossley, took charge of athletics at Hamilton, the managers must have seen their chance. That year the new professor of acrobatics had exerted so great an influence upon the college that the performance which took place in the Majestic Theatre that year resembled a three-ring circus. The program tells just that thing: "Gymnastic, Athletic, and Musical Entertainment." It included the college songs, Wrestling, Recitations, Running High Jump, High Dive, Pushing 100 Pound Dumb-bells, the Mandolin Club, Indian Club Swinging, Parallel Bars, Roman Ladders, Rings, Solos, Acrobats, Impersonations, Sparring, etc. The performers had a bag full of tricks in those days.

After the Glee Club had struggled its way out of the stifling clutches of the circus performers, a novel step was taken in 1906. A trip to Binghamton, the first one in history, was made with 32 men in the company. An S. R. O. sign testified to the instantaneous popularity met in Binghamton. The program itself consisted of purely glee club material, as "Auf Wiedersehen," the Hamilton songs, and a feature number, "What You Goin' to do When the Rent Comes Round."

In 1903 the Majestic witnessed another of the circus performances but with such additions as The Cat Serenade, Mulligan's Musketeers, and Flying Kings.

The following year the Glee Club drew unprecendented applause from the audiences before which it played. Included in the program were Mr. Alexander H. Woollcott and Mr. John V. H. Weaver. Of Mr. Woollcott, the Binghamton Evening Herald said: "Mr. Woollcott, a member of the dramatic society, is one of the great features of this year's production in his witty and humerous monologue." Mr. Weaver starred in the Mandolin Club and his special act that evening was a number entitled, "The Devil's Patrol."

In 1911 a peculiar experience happened to one of the members of the Glee Club, D. C. McGibney, the composer of Gather Close Ye Boys and Men. The club had played in Middletown for several successive years and had invariably consented to present a morning program for the benefit of the State Insane Asylum. This years was no exception, and arrangements were made whereby McGibney's feminine apparel used in his impersonations was to be transported to a make-shift dressing room in the institution.

From the very moment of his first appearance McGibney caught the eye and ear of his audience. When the

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Y. M. C. A. Movie Campaign Starts

"Bigger and Better Movies Than Ever" is the boast of the Y. M. C. A. this year, and a brief perusal of its bookings seems to indicate that it is right. Our senses are dazzled by the starry firmament flashed across our vision, at least sufficiently for us to be deprived of $3.50 for the privilege of studying all these stars, or 40c for individual observation, when the mighty controller's of these heavenly bodies come around to do the extraction act this week. But we have always had a predilection for Norma Shearer and that heart-thirring siren, Greta Garbo, and would pay almost any price to see the former in "The Bridal Night," and the latter in "The Divine Woman," as well as in others as yet unnamed. If you are not already emptying your pockets on the table, listen to this secret: "Mademoiselle From Armentiere" is also booked! Later you will have the pleasure of deciding which lamp post is Lon Chaney in "London at Midnight," whether Ramon Novarro in "The Prince of Graustark" or John Gilbert in "The Cossacks," is better than yourself in similar circumstances, and if "Annie Laurie" and "Rose Marie" have suffered in their changes to the screen.

Entertainment for sixteen Saturday nights will thus be provided for you, as against a mere fourteen last year, and how! Five fabulous feasts for the eyes will come this fall, beginning with the screen version of Robert Hitchen's "Garden of Allah," which you should read in preparation for the event. Next is "Annie Laurie," with Lillian Gish, that wistful little heart-breaker. Sally O'Neil comes the following week in "Becky," followed by "Spring Fever," starring our fellow collegian, William Haines. The last, which will send you home for Christmas, is "Body and Soul," but we don't dare say any more about that, it would be too cruel to make you wait. If you don't like these, go in to Ute and pay for your own carfare.

Freshmen Eleven Beaten by Hobart

On a wet and slippery field partially covered with snow, the Hamilton freshman football team met its second defeat of the season at the hand of the Hobart Frosh. The game was closely contested from start to finish, but the powerful line attacks of the much heavier Hobart team resulted in a 12-0 score for Hobart.

Hamilton, making but three first downs in comparison with Hobart's fourteen, played chiefly a defensive game. Hamilton's best chance to score came in the first quarter when Morris caught a forward pass on Hobart's twenty-yard line and was prevented from scoring when he stepped over the side-line. Repeated line plunges failed to push the ball over the goal-line.

One of the most spectacular plays of the game came early in the second period and resulted in Hobart's first score. Marino, right end for Hobart, intercepted Hamilton's forward pass and ran fifty yards for a touchdown. The second score did not come until the last quarter. In both cases, Hobart could not make the extra point.

The line-up and summary:

HAM. FROSH		HOB. FROSH
Pope	L.E.	Bootay
Caswell	L.T.	Benz
Smith	L.G.	Hill
Rodger	C.	Lewis
Pardee	R.G.	Di Costanja
Allen	R.T.	Warren
Buchbinder	R.E.	Marino
Morris (Capt.)	Q.B.	Simpkin
Jayne	L.H.	Galbray
Crowley	R.H.	Stevens
Congar	F.H.	McDonald

Substitutions: Hamilton, Day for Pardee, Pardee for Day, Hutchinson for Caswell; Hobart, Pringle for Warren, Smith for Hill, Earl for McDonald.

Referee—Sherman.

Umpire—Warren of Hamilton.

Head Linesman—Jenks of Hamilton.

Time of Periods—Ten minutes.

Editorial Contest Will Be Closed Next Week

The attention of the undergraduates is called to the fact that all copy for the first issue of the Literary Supplement and all editorials in the competition for the 10 dollar prize offered by Pi Delta Epsilon is due no later than November 15th.

All copy for both the Literary Supplement and the Editorial contest should be submitted either to Pitcher or Leich or placed in the publications box in the Gym.

Provided there is sufficient worthwhile copy, the first issue of the Supplement will make its appearance about Thanksgiving time.

ALFRED RUNNERS WIN FIRST PLACE IN N. Y. S. I. A. C. MEET

Alfred Has Perfect Score With 15 Points; Rochester, 58; Hamilton, 55; Hobart, 82

RUNNERS BUNCHED

Captain Clark Finishes First for Buff and Blue Team

Third place was the best Hamilton could do in the New York State Conference cross country meet held here last Saturday with Alfred, Hobart and Rochester. With a group of five men crossing the line for the first five places, Alfred had little difficulty in turning in a perfect score of 15. Rochester finished second with 55 points, Hamilton, third with 58 points, and Hobart, last with 82. The time of 22 minutes 15 seconds was very good considering the course was almost entirely covered with snow.

There was a tendency in the race for the runners to bunch themselvese by schools. After the first five runners for Alfred, Rochester had three men finish in sixth, seventh and eighth places. Hamilton's first man to cross the tape, Captain Clark, came in ninth, followed by five more of the Buff and Blue harriers in eleventh, fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth places. Griffiths, in thirteenth place, was the first man to finish for Hobart.

The results of the race were about

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Alumni Council Elects Officers

Devoting its attention to the election of officers and discussion of the various phrases of alumni activity, the Alumni Council of Hamilton held its first meeting of the year at the home of Wallace B. Johnson, '15, Saturday, October 29. Of the 29 members of the council 14 were present.

After a consideration of the Dix plan for alumni reunions as operated here in the past two years, the Council voted to go on record as favoring this system, now being tested out at Hamilton. Under the Dix plan four classes which graduated consecutively are always back for a reunion.

The officers were elected as follows: President, Stanley E. Gilbert, '07; Vice President, Thomas B. Pope, '22; Secretary-Treasurer, Wallace B. Johnson, '15, (reelected). The other members present were: Paul B. Williams, '08; Hadley B. Smith, '18; Edward C. MacIntyre, '05; Leslie L. Roemer, '24; Clements Boldgett, '09; W. Leslie Lewis, '17; George H. Sicard, '06; Willett B. Sherwood, '15; J. Glenn Prescott, '15; George B. Ogden, '14; Grover C. Clark, '07.

It was voted to hold a second meeting of the Council on the date of the annual alumni-varsity game.

BUFF AND BLUE IS DEFEATED BY HAVERFORD

Despite Score Indication Hamilton Outplays Haverford in Every Period

SCORE ON PASS

Team Lacks Punch to Score When Chance Is Offered

A scrappy Hamilton team, which outplayed the Scarlet and Black warriors of Haverford College in all but a part of the second period, went down to defeat Saturday at Haverford by the slim margin of one touchdown. It was Haverford's fourth straight victory over Hamilton.

Registering 18 first downs to its opponents' eight, the Buff and Blue eleven was within a few yards of the goal line on three occasions, only to be stopped by the stonewall defensive play of the Haverford forwards. Twice passes were grounded over the goal line, after line bucks had proved futile.

Failure to convert two breaks of the game, a blocked punt in the first quarter, and a recovered fumble in the second, were Hamilton's other scoring chances. The Hamilton backs showed more sustained ground-gaining ability than they have in any other game this season, Chatfield, Campbell and Sherman ripping through the line and skirting the ends for long, consistent gains.

The forward passing combinations Chatfield to Reinecke and Wormuth, and Chatfield to Pierce ran smoothly enough near mid-field for several long gains, but went awry near the Haverford goal.

The Pennsylvanians' one big chance came in the second quarter and they made the most of it. With the ball on the 50-yard line, a spectacular pass which gained 30 yards, put the Hamilton on the defensive on their own 20-yard mark. In three plays, Fox and Tripp ripped through the line for a first down on the 10-yard stripe. Fighting desperately to stave off a score, the Buff and Blue line smothered three line punches for slight gains. With five yards to go

Musical Society Enjoys Concert

The first concert of the newly organized Musical Art Society of Hamilton College was held last Saturday evening at the Psi Upsilon House. The artists were: Mr. Wendell Hoss, French Horn; Mr. A. P. Saunders, Violin, and Mr. Donald Tweedy, Piano. Owing to the unfortunate necessity of scheduling the concert on a Saturday night only about half of the 180 members of the society were able to attend, but those who did attend were amply repaid with an enjoyable program.

The concert consisted of three numbers of proved excellence. The first number, Beethoven's "Sonata in F, Opus 17, for Piano and Horn" was played well by Mr. Tweedy and Mr. Hoss. The second number was from Grieg, the Suite "From Holberg's Time," Opus 40. Ludwig Holberg was a dramatist with a genius for comedy not unlike that of Moliere and is looked upon as the father of modern Danish and Norwegian literature. Grieg's composition is written in the antique style and is an attempt of the composer to put the spirit of Holberg into music.

The last number of the program, Brahm's Horn Trio, was the most enthusiastically received work of the evening. The selection is one of Brahm's most famous compositions but is seldom performed because of the difficulty of obtaining a horn

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Weights of Hamilton-Union Teams

HAMILTON		UNION
Wormuth (164)	L. E.	(174) Engle
Westerburg (171)	L. T.	(190) Adams
Carpenter (196)	L. G.	(187) Friederich
Brockway (180)	C	E. Finnegan
Scovel (168)	R. G.	(188) Kingston
Schneider (166)	R. T.	(189) Bullard
Reinecke (171)	R. E.	(176) Clark
Pierce (150)	Q. B.	(154) Hyland
Chatfield (148)	L. H.	(168) McLane
Campbell (146)	R. H.	(166) Mosher
Sherman (161)	F. B.	(170) Corrigan

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WHAT PRICE RELIGION?

If the function of HAMILTON LIFE is the reflection of undergraduate opinion and the submission of proposals for the betterment of conditions at Hamilton College, one phase of our life on the Hill has been greviously neglected in these columns. For many years there has been much violent and bitter criticism of compulsory chapel. How thoughtful it has been, is difficult to tell. Yet the fact remains that there still flows a steady undercurrent of resentment and dissatisfaction constantly kept in motion by the imperfections of the compulsory chapel system.

Today this current of feeling is very powerful. The best colleges in the East have found it necessary to reconstruct their religious policies. In some cases abolition of compulsory attendance has been brought about, while in others the system has been completely altered. Here at Hamilton exists the same attitude, which at Yale, Dartmouth, Brown, Princeton, and other important institutions has necessitated drastic revision of the customary order of chapel services. Is not this vital problem worthy of our careful consideration at this time? Let the attention of all Hamilton men be directed thoughtfully to an unbiased consideration of the facts.

The first offense which may be reasonably ascribed to compulsory religious service—for several reasons compulsory morning chapel need not be considered—is that the quality of the men who conduct the services cannot in any way be raised by the tastes of the undergraduates. By very virtue of the fact that an audience will be secured for the man who preaches the sermon, any man will do because any man will draw a crowd. A good lecturer in the Myers series will be heard by a large audience, purely and simply because he merits it while Sunday chapel preachers will draw a large (if somewhat unsympathetic) audience whether or not they are competent men. In other words, there is, in a compulsory system, a tendency to mediocrity which is less likely to be found in one that depends for its success upon the excellence of its various features. One has only to list the chapel preachers who have really had something to say and have left a real, tangible message behind them to come to a very definite conclusion as to the quality of these men.

This objection, boiled down, amounts to exactly this: That the compulsory Sunday chapel system is exempt, as it should not be, from the necessity of maintaining a high standard of excellence in its preachers, requiring that everyone be exposed indiscriminately to rhetorical, valueless sermons along with a few fine discussions of really vital problems. Whatever may be the validity of this complaint, the implication of such a condition is obvious. It means nothing other than that Hamilton men, though they may choose their courses, are allowed no choice, paradoxically, when it is a question of religion. It is placed in the same category as public speaking and freshman mathematics.

Can anyone then wonder why the average undergraduate looks forward to Sunday chapel with as delightful feelings as those with which he anticipates meetings of the math, or public speaking classes?

An obvious flaw in the system as it is now being operated having been pointed out, a correction of this defect and a perfection of the system, it is conceded, is all that is necessary for fulfilling its purpose—provided only that the validity of a certain assumption be granted. Let us, however, be extremely careful in our judgment of this assumption. In the minds of many of the best educators and thinkers of today there is a strong conviction that it is a fallacious and unwarranted premise upon which any compulsory religious system is based.

This supposition, in so far as it can be expressed briefly and simply, is as follows: That in addition to the men who, freely and voluntarily, will attend religious services, there are also many who do not wish to go and who, by absenting themselves are missing something of very vital importance to them. In other words the majority of men are benefited by involuntary submission to compulsory chapel attendance; it is a good thing to make them sit through a religious service regardless of their attitude toward it. In complete contradiction of this Bishop Brewster of Connecticut, in considering the recent successful attack on compulsory religious services at Yale, said, "The true interests of wholesome religion suffer, I fear, from anything like compulsion. It does not tend to lead men to worship in spirit and in truth." This, it must be observed, is the opinion, not of a bigoted man, but of a man whose integrity of character and intellectual eminence have never been impugned.

That a sympathetic, devout atmosphere, a condition absolutely indispensable to a religious service, is conspicuously absent in compulsory Sunday chapel, nearly everyone will admit. If any inquiring person tries to ascertain, by the simple procedure of personally interviewing the men who come out of the service, exactly what it was the preacher was talking about, he will usually be disappointed. Most sermons, he will discover, do not go in one ear and out of the other simply because they do not enter even one ear. Compulsory mathematics works not infrequently, we are told—but religion is not mathematics. A man who was probably the best chapel preacher in several years, said recently, "Don't teach religion. It must come spontaneously from within. And it must come in freedom." He expressed a truth as old as mankind and as incontrovertible as physical laws.

If Hamilton College, as it should, is going to help men to develop an interpretation of life, an environment conducive to such an end must be provided. The environment of compulsion, as one in which many students acquire a strong distaste, however real, for any religious service, is opposed to this end and should be removed. If Sunday chapel here cannot be made any more useful than banquet season, then let it go the way of banquet season. The right sort of environment, however, can be provided. It exists in churches and cathedrals the world over—though rarely is it found in the atmosphere of compulsion. The most flourishing churches, we all know, do not drive their adherents into the halls of worship with a baseball bat. As President Angell of Yale said, following the abolition of the compulsory chapel system at that university, "We are convinced that by these means (the newly adopted voluntary system, under which a definite attempt has been made to make the services interesting and valuable) a more wholesome and active religious life will come into being at Yale than has been possible in recent years when the university's chief contribution to that life has been in the requirement that the student should attend chapel."

Hamilton, strange as it may seem, has fallen sadly short of the ideal of offering her students "breadth of spiritual outlook." P. V. C.

FORUM

To the Editor, Hamilton Life:

Good! Some one has dared to hit the nail on the head! In an editorial in "Life" last week some one stated in good, plain, straightforward, unmistakable English the biggest, most glaring defect in the Hamilton, (and generally accepted) system of education today: Mark-chasing, "Credit Bookkeeping."

I have been disappointed in College. I, too, thought of it as a place to learn something—not to learn quickly forgotten figures and details, but to learn how to learn how to live and get the best out of life. Instead, I have found high school conditions reduplicated—the same arbitrary marks are the criterion by which intellectual progress is judged—the same psychology that postulates: "He who can get away with the most murder, who best can pull the wool over his teacher's eyes, he is the best man,"—the same narrow isolation and lack of co-ordination between departments—all the same old elementary ideas that may necessarily afflict the mass education of the public schools, but that surely are inexcusable in a so-called institution of higher learning—they are all here.

The writer of the editorial in "Life" is fond of his College, I am sure. I know that I am. It hurts us to see our much praised Alma Mater trundling along in the same old rut decade after decade while glorious ventures in better things shine out one after another around us.

It seems to me that we are ideally situated to indulge in a little experimenting ourselves. A small, well-equipped institution with a substantial endowment and a fairly high scholastic standing, surely not among those affected by the modern bugbear of commercial athleticism, we ought certainly to be well fixed for some contribution anyway to the material progress of education.

But first we must wake up—we must come out of our everlasting coma, students and faculty alike. We must rise to our opportunities. We must thrash the thing out. We, with all American colleges, have come to a parting of the ways. We must choose. De we want to be a glorified prep-school for boys that parents don't know what to do with? Or do we want to be a home for real Education? The choice is there to make. Which shall it be? Here's something big for every thinking man, from Prex to Freshman, to bring out into the open and settle. Let's snap to! F. D. H. Gilbert, '28

HISTORY OF HAMILTON GLEE CLUB TRACED

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program was finished the Hamilton men were requested to remain in the assembly hall in order that the patients might pass out without difficulty, but McGibney, anxious to rid himself of his costume and make-up, found himself amid a group of lunatics. Seeking to extricate himself from a gentleman under the delusion that he was Napoleon at St. Helena, McGibney found himself confronted by a burley guard.

"Hey, you, get back there in line." was the admonition.

"I want to get out of here in a hurry," was McGibney's excuse.

"That's what they all say," was the retort, "but I guess that you'll stay here for a while yet."

And then the trouble began.

What happened in the next ten minutes has become history among Hamilton men. They still tell how McGibney tried to explain how he was a man in disguise, how the guard was skeptical and how after an appeal by the manager to the head of the institution McGibney was finally allowed to don his citizen's apparel. After this harrowing experience, our impersonator was satisfied to recite a pianologue.

By 1912 the Binghamton trip had become an annual event and by that time the alumni were talking about the "good old days." One alumnus is quoted in the Binghamton Press after a dissertation on the merits of the old glee clubs as conceding "I have to admit that your college glee clubs have a lot of snap and life; they seem to give those ragtime pieces and that sort of composition with a certain "go" that I guess we never had." It was in 1912 that the club made 18 trips during the season.

In the years that followed, the Instrumental and Glee Clubs were very much the same. During the season of 1916, the clubs made trips as far distant as Youngstown, O.; Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and New York City. The stars of the club were its leaders, the Baumer brothers of Syracuse. Wherever they went, the clubs were received with the highest praises.

MUSICAL SOCIETY ENJOYS CONCERT

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player having the requisite talent and skill.

It is expected that the second concert of the Musical Art Society will be held Monday evening, November 22, at Sigma Phi Hall. Prof. and Mrs. Shute will give a piano recital at that time. There is also a possibility that for a later concert the Society may be able to obtain the Musical Art Quartette of New York which has aroused much favorable comment in musical circles recently.

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The Sports Editor Covers an International Debate
(Special to LIFE)

Hamilton College, November 2—A fighting Hamilton team went down to defeat on its own rostrum Wednesday night before the superior open game of the crack Union (British) debate team.

Speaking its first home debate of the 1927-1928 season before a capacity throng, the Buff and Blue premise pushers presented a light but fast aggregation which stubbornly contested every inch of the proposition (not to mention several inches not included in the proposition) but lost the decision because of seeming inability to cope with the overhead game of their opponent.

The boys from across the pond, while lacking in team play, excelled in the open game, ripping the audience wide open several times with their quaint quips and tricky shifts. Frank "Frank" Darvall, at left half for the visitors, shared the scoring honors of the evening with John "Jack" Ramage, crafty field general of the All-Englanders, each backfield ace chalking up 15 laughs.

The Marsh-coached machine excelled in straight fact plays, having a decided edge over the visiting trio in this department, but seemed to lack the punch to put the tilt on ice when the argument was within scoring distance.

Although a light rain was falling just before the annual forensic classic was called, the rostrum was hard and dry (as were parts of the speeches). The gay, brightly colored dresses of the fair visitors, and the military touch lent to the occasion by the presence of Lt. Col. M. L. Bonham, Jr., C. S. A., Ph. D., gave the contest a gay holiday atmosphere.

For Hamilton, Pitcher shone on the defense, his puns averaging well over 60 yards apiece against a strong head-wind.

The most spectacular play of the evening came when Darvall scooped up a fumbled Hamilton pun and twisted and dodged his way for 99 premises through a broken field before he was finally brought to earth by a vicious argument.

Statistics of the game show that the Britishers completed 33 out of 40 attempted jokes for big laughs. The remaining seven attempts either grounded in neutral territory or were intercepted. Hamilton, sticking to straight debate, for the most part, completed seven jokes for big laughs.

Nosed out of a victory in their first big debate of the season, Hamilton will seek revenge next year when it meets Oxford or Cambridge or both on the home grounds. Head Coach Lewis, who is now in England scouting these teams claims to have worked out a perfect defense against British humor, which has carried the representatives of John Bull within an ace of victory on two previous occasions.

Summary: Time of Periods, 45, 45, 6, 6; Referee, Fitch, Hamilton.

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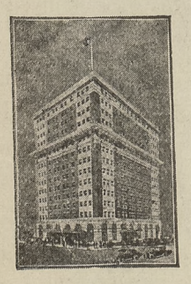

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INTERNATIONAL DEBATE HAS LARGE AUDIENCE

John Ramage, first speaker for the affirmative, stating that the members of the British team were delighted to be able to debate in a college that was "the last remnant of the classical tradition in the United States," proceeded to define democracy. "Democracy," he said, "is the government of the mentally unfit by the mentally mediocre tempered by the saving grace of snobbery."

According to Francis E. Mineka, first speaker for the negative, democracy offers all men equal opportunities for development and brings ou the best that is in them.

Andrew Haddon then continued the case for the affirmative. "We are corner of the field, and the flashy not particularly concerned with winning debates here in America," he said. "We prefer rather to devote our attention to observation of differences in our attitude and yours toward important problems." He described democracy as a decaying institution, mentioning Italy and Russia, and Spain as examples of countries in which democracy has met with great set-backs. Democracy, he claimed, has made men feel that they were free to do anything.

Louis C. Jones, for Hamilton, surveyed the educational side of democracy and pointed out the increased interest in culture in the United States as evidenced by the newspaper, books, public libraries, magazines and musical organizations. All of these are increasingly influential today. The large sum of money spent annually for education in the United States he likewise offered as an argument for democracy.

Frank O. Darvall, completing the case for the affirmative, attacked democracy for keeping the best men out of public life and lowering the level of thinking. To appeal to the public Alexander Hamilton would today have to make speeches very different from those he made in his time, inasmuch as it is always by the judgment of the riffraff that a politician succeeds in a large democracy. Democracy has very successfully kept the best men out of politics, he affirmed, declaring it to be a field for the expert only.

Seymour M. Pitcher was the last speaker for the negative. In defending democracy as a political institution, he pointed out the reasons why it was the most stable form of government. He termed politics not an end, but a means to an end and asserted that the best men should not be used in the administration of government. Rather let them work in the finer walks of life. Commenting upon the fact that 65 per cent of the people in the United States do not vote, he claimed that such a situation was indicative of the satisfied and happy condition of the people in a democracy. "Democracy," he said in closing, "is no more perfect than human institutions can be. It, however, has many advantages and promises much in the future. It is the best form of government to date."

Rebuttals of six minutes each were delivered by Mineka for the negative and by Ramage for the affirmative. The negative rebuttal summarized the case for the negative, emphasizing the inseparable nature of democracy and the democratic pdinciple. The affirmative rebuttal was less serious and accused the negative of offering only one tangible argument, "that democracy was successful because the United States had forgotten the Civil War."

Dean Edward Fitch presided and introduced the speakers.

BUFF AND BLUE BEATEN BY HAVERFORD

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wind, and the ball was returned to midfield. Three tries at the line failed to gain. On the next play, three Hamilton linesmen swarmed through to block and recover Morris' attempted punt. Campbell made three yards, but two fumbles in succession and an incomplete pass gave Haverford the ball on their own 35-yard line. Play see-sawed about midfield for the remainder of the period.

Second Quarter

After a few minutes of desultory play, Haverford began a drive from mid-field that ended in the only score of the game. Hamilton came back strong and marched 60 yards down into Haverford territory. Chatfield returned the kick-off 20 yards to his own 35-yard marker. Chatfield and Campbell tore through for 15 yards and a first down. Three line bucks failed to gain, but on the fourth attempt, Sherman twisted his way through the Haverford secondary for the required sistance. Campbell and Chatfield chalked up another first down. A pass, Chatfield to Reinecke, gave Hamilton first down on Haverford's 6-yard line. Campbell's fumble was recovered by Haverford as the half ended.

Third Quarter

Hamilton came out for the second on the last down, Kingham shot a long pass to Tripp waiting at the far mocracy is the protector of individual halfback fell over the goal line for a touchdown. The kick for point went wide.

The Game

Hamilton kicked off against the half with renewed vigor. Securing the oval on their own 30-yard stripe after knocking down a Haverford pass over the goal line, the Buff and Blue backs set out on another long drive. On a beautifully executed kick, Chatfield made 18 yards and a first down. He added six more, and Campbell slipped through for 15 yards and a first down on Haverford's 45-yard line. In four plays Chatfield, Sherman and Campbell reeled off two first downs. A pass, Chatfield to Wormuth, put the ball inside the 10-yard mark. Again the Scarlet and Black forwards stiffened and stopped three line bucks for no gain. On the last down, Chatfield's pass over the goal line was incomplete. Haverford punted out of danger. A neat pass, Chatfield to Pierce, made 25 yards. The Haverford line held firm on the following three attempts, and once more Chatfield's pass over the goal line found no receiver.

Fourth Quarter

Haverford couldn't gain, and Morris punted to Chatfield who ran the ball back for 15 yards. A pass to Pierce netted a first down. Two passes, Chatfield to Pierce, and Campbell's line plunge chalked up a pair of first downs. Chatfield gained nine yards around end. A 14-yard pass to Pierce put the ball on the eight yard line. The Scarlet and Black line, playing a superlative defensive game, held fast, and three line plunges left the ball six yards short of the goal. Foley went in for Pierce. His pass over the goal line grounded. The ball alternated between the two teams for the rest of the half, with Hamilton making desperate efforts to score on long forwards, and Haverford striving to maintain its lead.

Both teams showed splendid fighting spirit. Considering the close, hard-fought nature of the game, the play was noticeably free from penalties or hard feeling on either side.

The lineup:

Haverford—6		Hamilton—0
Newton	L.E.	Wormuth (c)
Dohan	L.T.	Westerberg
Murray	L.G.	Carpenter
Gawthrop	C.	Brockway
Hicks	R.G.	Scovel
Morris	R.T.	Schneider
Brown	R.E.	Reinecke
Hogenauer, E. T. Q		Pierce
Kingham	L.H.	Chatfield
Tripp	R.H.	Campbell
Fox	F.	Sherman

Touchdown—Haverford, Tripp.

Substitutions — Hamilton, Folley for Pierce, Kessler for Westerberg, DeSormo for Sherman. Haverford, Wilt for Newton, Wriggins for Murray, Milliken for Hicks, Bevan for Brown, Collison for E. T. Hogenauer, E. F. Hogenauer for Fox.

Officials—Referee, Kinney, Trinity; umpire, Douthert, Ursinus; linesman, Coronway, Lower, Merion. Time of periods, 15 minutes.

ALUMNI COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS

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as predicted. Alfred had been picked to win by the authorities on the sport and did so easily with Zschiegner, Ladd, Vorhees, Boulton and Getz finishing well in advance of the rest of the field. Rochester having defeated Hamilton 26-29 here on October 29 was the favorite for second place and again came through to beat Hamilton by three points. Hobart was third in a triangular meet held at Geneva three weeks ago with Colgate, Hamilton and Hobart in which Hamilton placed second. Hamilton had but little trouble in defeating Hobart in the Conference meet.

The race started from in front of the football stands, covered the Root course twice, and ended with a lap around the track.

The summary of the meet:

Alfred, 15; Rochester, 55; Hamilton, 58; Hobart, 82.

Time—22 minutes, 15 seconds.

Order of finishing: 1, Zschiegner, Alfred; 2, Ladd, Alfred; 3, Vorhees, Alfred; 4, Boulton, Alfred; 5, Getz, Alfred; 6, Kraii, Rochester; 7, Billingham, Rochester; 8, Brown, Rochester; 9, C. Clark, Hamilton; 10, Rockefeller, Alfred; 11, Crane, Hamilton; 12, Coe, Alfred; 13, Griffiths, Hobart; 14, Walker, Hamilton; 15, Vosburgh, Hamilton; 16, White, Hamilton; 17, G. Clark, Hamilton; 18, Wood, Rochester; 19, Westhaver, Hobart; 20, Westcott, Hobart; 21, Hoyt, Hobart; 22, Fix, Rochester; 23, Worfolk, Hobart; 24, Wood, Hobart; 25, Kulik, Hobart.

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